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Feed to Integrated Combined-
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6. (Twice Amended) A system for utilizing a moisture containing feedstock as a fuel source, comprising:

- a feedstock drying unit;
- a feedstock gasification unit;
- a feed moving said feedstock from said drying unit to said gasification unit;
- a heating unit;
- a drying medium essentially comprising [a] high pressure nitrogen [inert gas];

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